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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
THOMAS DANIEL, ET AL. : EXAMINER: METZMAIER
SERIAL NO: 09/831,915 :
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FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF :
ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 6 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.